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FROM COMMERCE.

The thing you call news is getting to be a scarce article and were it not for the weather we might as well be dumb.

Last Sunday the Queen of the South paid us a visit and it was pleasant enough to read the Bible or the Newsboy on the porch. This sort of doings in January did not suit the King of the North, Old Boreas, and he sent word over the wires that he was coming and that instead of reading out of doors we should look after our wood-piles. We took him at his word, and now the thrifty housewife is saving the ashes for soap-making next spring.

Next to the weather at Commerce is the ever present river, which is growing smaller and beautifully less every day. It is now principally sand-bars, and the islands loom up wonderfully. When crossing the river it seems that there is a land route and a water route, and when you get to shore there is considerable climbing. But just wait until next June, when the mighty Missouri and Mississippi put on their hydraulic bloomers! Then the sand-bars will disappear, the steamers will come right into town, and the bottom farmers will be right in the swim.

Health is fairly good here. How many men pay taxes, and how few know what is done with the money? The rich man escapes taxation, or nearly so, while the man with forty acres of land, a pair of mules, a cow, and a few hogs must pay in unjust proportions. This is a matter that would be interesting to investigate, and nothing short of a Lexow commission will ever bring matters to the surface. It seems that the masses take little interest in the making of laws, while they have the whole power in their own hands, and then grumble when the laws don't suit them. A law to regulate the shipment of watermelons would be beneficial to both the grower and consumer, and a law to kill or tax the dogs would be a benefit to the sheep and wool-growing industry, which could be made profitable where wheat is low.

VERITAS.

FROM SIKESTON.

Mr. Joe Shain, of this city, and Miss Ethel Harper, of Dexter, were married at the home of the bride on the 4th inst.

Mrs. Nat Ingram is very sick at this writing. Mrs. J. V. Bandy, Mrs. E. J. Malone and Miss Cora Harrison are also on the sick list.

Geo. Douglas and wife went over to Bertrand Sunday, where George is to take charge of the railroad station. He is a faithful worker and deserves the promotion.

A. J. Harrison and wife visited in Morley the first of the week. In the mean time Allan went over to Benton to take the oath of office. This being his first public trust we wish him success.

Mr. R. S. Robland is a new neighbor from Moorehouse, and has three very sick children.

Girls, buy yourself a nice wedding suit while they are so cheap. Since weddings are all the go now-a-days, the merchants are making prices to suit the boys.

We sympathize with the Blodgett correspondent for having his wedding items slaughtered by the Newsboy's critic. We received the self-same shock a few weeks ago.

In Sikeston we have three men with only one arm each, and they all have families to support. If these men, with only one arm, can make a living for themselves and families, then why cannot these big, stout, able-bodied men with two arms support a family without going about begging for assistance.

All the students have returned to school, and our town will be quiet in social circles until they return in the spring.

Bros. Crow, P. C., and Lowrey, of Little Rock, are holding a protracted meeting at the Methodist church. Good results are anticipated.

A saloon petition is being circulated for the opening of another saloon by Mr. Gun Smith.

ALPHE.

FROM ORAN.

Rev. Dupont, of Texas, is holding a series of meetings at the Baptist church in this place this week.

Rev. Randolph and wife, of Morley, came up Monday. He will assist in the protracted meeting.

Rev. Brandt, of Charleston, came up Monday.

Judge Ballentine, of Commerce, was here Monday last.

Two Oran youths tried Coxeyism last week. Both returned sadder but wiser boys.

Continued illness of his wife prevents Rev. North, of Jackson, from filling his appointments here.

Tuesday was a singer for cold and kept your scribe in doors all day.

H. C. Pratt, of Charleston, came up Tuesday and started seven carpenters to work on his grain house at Caney Creek.

J. B. Stubblefield, the stock man of Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., is out hustling for hogs and cattle.

Joseph Stubbs' new residence are nearing completion. Mr. Stehr's residence is completed and is one of the neatest in the city.

Rev. Dupont says crime has increased 25 per cent over and above the increase in population within the last decade.

Thos. Hinkle is seen quite often in Oran. Tom is hard to wean from home.

John Heeb has a brand new boy at his house. He will be old enough to vote in 1916.

Ben Lyon has purchased a farm in the hills near town. Ben is a hustler.

There are no shows, no entertainments, no news, no deaths, no marriages, not much sickness and in fact nothing of importance to tell this week. Oh, yes, we forgot. Mr. Charley Skaggs and Miss Sophie Agley were married last week and gave a jolly dance at the bride's home which was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Frances Steek, of Benton, was over shopping last week. Oran merchants know how to please.

Marshall Jenkins, of New Madrid county, came up Tuesday and took the train for Jackson where he is attending court this week.

W. H. Stubblefield is courting in Jackson this week.

Tom Joyce, one of Scott county's best farmers, was in town Tuesday.

John Vanduser drove his hogs to this market last Tuesday. One of them ran into a pond of water while hot and was soon chilled to death.

Mr. Hatcher, of Cape county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Beach of this place, this week.

There is a wedding on the tapis. One of our young merchants will wed one of Morley's fair daughters in the near future. Hope they will call on the Newsboy for wedding stationery.

Earnest Howle is visiting relatives in Charleston at this writing. Use.

From the Oran Public School.

Oran, Mo., Jan. 8, 1895.

EDITOR NEWSBOY.

We are busy with our school examinations this week as it closes the first four months. In the principal department we have an enrollment of 68—a total enrollment in the school of 138 pupils. The A class is completing both mental and written arithmetic, primary language, and the advanced geography and language will complete U. S. history and civil government this week.

We, as a school and teachers, wish to thank the patrons for visiting us so often. Come again, it does us good to have you visit us.

We closed school before the holidays with an entertainment for the benefit of a library. We hope in the near future to have a reception for the advanced room. Will report that later.

There are 28 in all on the "Roll of Honor." There may be some few go off to school for the next term and quite a number take up the higher branches in our school. Wishing you success with your paper, allow me to sign myself, LITTLE REPORTER.

First-class timothy hay for sale by Miller & Profit, Benton, Mo.

FROM BLODGETT.

The public installation of the officers of the I. O. O. F. was a success considering the unfavorable weather and the condition of the roads.

Deputy G. M. Frank Bahn, of the A. O. U. W., was in town Saturday and Sunday. Also J. L. Taylor, representing the Wrought Iron Range Co., Wm. Leech, the double-dyed cigar drummer, and Need Sikes.

Marshall Bros. invoiced their stock Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The five regulars were assisted by E. J. Davis, the St. Louis Coffin Co.'s man, and the scribe, herself, he did.

The big Commercial hotel changes hands Jan. 15th, the present landlord Mr. J. H. Stubbs retiring after a years incumbency in favor of the original proprietor, Mr. R. J. Watkins. The old saying, "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest," may be shifted to read, "Welcome the coming, rush the parting, Boniface."

A. W. Wright made a flying trip to Cairo the first part of the week on business.

The Blodgett Mercantile Co. took an inventory of their stock, amounting to \$5,000, the fore part of the week and are now open for business again.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs visited Oran relatives and friends Saturday and Sunday.

M. G. Adams is in Jackson this week as a witness in some civil suits in the current tribunals of that county.

It costs the people of the United States \$25,000,000 each year to be born, to be buried \$75,000,000, to be married \$300,000,000 and to get drunk \$900,000,000. (N. B.—Us fellows at Blodgett have quit, so it won't reach so high in '95.)

Up to the age of thirty a man had better marry a woman younger than himself. After that it don't matter much—it don't matter much.

The song of the nose: "Well, I'll be blowed."

Norman Atwood, of Morley Lodge I. O. O. F., attended the public installation here last Saturday night. He was introduced to a select few of the Ananias club.

In view of the small-pox scares last month the following time comes in very appropriate: "I don't care if you do stay late, but don't hurt my vaccine."

A man came through here not long ago who said he had a non-alcoholic antidote for snake-bite. He got away unhurt, but he had better stay away from Kentucky; they'll get him there all right.

John Harness, a good man weighing 200 pounds, from Price's Landing, was here Saturday and Sunday selling a kitchen cabinet. By the way the woods are full of these cabinet agents, and they are getting thicker. John will have to move over into Alexander county, Ill., "wid de machine."

Last Sunday in the presence of our chum somebody said that Strauss, of St. Louis, made the best photographs in the world, to which Charley replied that he thought that the pictures on the great American unwashed ten dollar bill shaded anything in the picture line that he had ever seen. And the wheel rolled.

One time we Blodgett boys were all on an excursion and returned to the special Blodgett car just in time to shut out from the last seat by about six inches a very fat man who grumbled thusly to himself: "These Scott county people are all hogs; I don't hesitate to say so because I used to live there myself." Fact.

RESARTUS.

The First German Print.

The first German print ever turned out in Scott county was printed at the Newsboy office last Saturday.

We printed some report cards for the German schools. We have put in a supply of German type and are prepared to do any sort of work in that language. Truly, the Newsboy is making rapid strides forward, and continues to grow greater and greater. No matter what you want in the way of printing, you will always find us prepared to do it.

FROM EAST KESLO.

We have had considerable snow, which is good for wheat, but the thaw of Saturday night caused it all to disappear and left the ground soft.

Now is the time when outdoor work is disagreeable, but it is the time to turn your straw stacks into manure. This is a part of farming that is much neglected in some sections of the country, and yet it pays much better than hunting.

We see plenty of land that will not produce more than fifteen or twenty bushels of wheat per acre in good seasons, and not over twenty-five or thirty bushels of corn. With proper manuring and management the same ground could be made to bring one-third more.

The principal features in manuring land, as taught me by long years of experience, is as follows: Make all the manure you can during the winter, and keep it in such shape as it will not dry out in the middle. The following autumn haul it on the plowed ground, spread it on the poor places, harrow through it and then drill your wheat. Next spring it should be sowed in clover. By so doing we get more fertilizing strength from the manure than by any other way. In the first place we get a good crop of wheat. The next thing we make is a crop of clover hay, followed by a crop of clover seed, and then the ground is again ready for a crop of wheat.

The proper way is to raise two crops of wheat, then let the ground lay until the following spring, turn the crop of volunteer clover under, plant corn, and then see the result.

To give the ground proper rotation, after corn sow oats. After the oat harvest turn the stubble under and harrow the ground good, which will cause the oats left in the ground to sprout. About September plow again. Now bring on your manure again and proceed as before. In this way we get a crop of corn, a crop of oats, and a crop of clover and clover seed once in six years, and three crops of wheat off the same land.

ECONOMIST.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Doc. Speaks assisted Geo. Wright last week invoicing at the Kelso store.

Prof. D. W. Sullivan spent Christmas vacation with relatives at the Cape.

Miss Clara Bader, of the Cape, who visited her sister Mrs. Gains, at this place, returned home Saturday.

Mike Bollinger and David Stehr enjoyed a day's hunt Thursday down in the Sandyswoods.

Johnny Stike, who was home during the holidays, returned to St. Vincent College, Cape Girardeau, to resume his studies.

Jacob Stehr, of Oran, gave New Hamburg a friendly call Saturday.

Dave Grojean, of Richland township, sojourned a few days with relatives here.

Louis Pfefferkorn and his neighbors marketed their hogs at the Cape last week, getting a good price for them.

Frank Bles conveyed a load of butter to Oran Saturday. Frank is bound to ship, rain or shine.

At the annual election of the creamery directors to serve during the ensuing year, the old board of officers were unanimously retained. This shows that the stockholders have confidence in the managing board, and are satisfied with the present management of the creamery.

Simon Rimginger took a business trip to Benton Saturday, buying cows for dairy purpose.

Y.

Ben F. Hunter Passed Away.

The intelligence reached the Newsboy at noon Thursday that Ben F. Hunter died at his home in Sikeston at 9 o'clock that morning.

Mr. Hunter was one of the landmarks of Scott county—having lived here since his birth, nearly sixty years ago. He represented his people in the legislature in the session of 1889, and was respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and five grown children. He also leaves a very large estate.

May he rest in peace.

FROM KESLO.

Dr. T. E. Tomlinson, of Morley, visited relatives here last week.

New Year's passed off with the usual amount of shooting.

The Commerce colored band came out and serenaded our people New Year's day.

Dr. W. E. Harris, of Oran, was in our town Thursday and Friday.

Doc. Speaks, of New Hamburg, was seen on our streets last Saturday.

Miss Jennie and Georgia Clemson, of Oran, visited relatives here last week.

Thos. Juden, of Cape Girardeau, who is traveling for the Osborn Binder Co., was in our town Saturday of last week.

Mrs. D. S. Speaks visited friends at this place last week.

Miss Bader, of Cape Girardeau, passed through here on her way from New Hamburg last Saturday.

Miss Clara Bader, who has been on an extended visit to Advance, returned home last week. S. H. HOLBY.

Benton is a Great Town.

We, here in Benton, are the people and must be respected. Nearly every man in the county must come to see us at least twice a year—during the terms of circuit court—and if he don't let his neighbor's hogs alone we may demand that he locate among us temporarily. We try to deal out justice to all—but some don't get it. We are just a common, everyday sort of people, and have no red tape nor didoes in our make-up. We realize that all are human, and when a man comes among us and pretends to be so much better than any of the rest of us, we quickly hide our tobacco and notify the hotels to demand cash in advance.

Benton is fast coming to the front. Barring Commerce, we claim a front seat in society events. We no longer have the games of "snap," "grunt," "tag," "pass in the corner," and other relics of dark ages, but we have real genuine, up-to-date social events, such as are only to be found among enlightened people.

In some sections of Scott county the game of "snap" is yet dominant in the so-called society events, but it is to be hoped that it will dwindle upon these people that we are now living in the nineteenth century.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

After retiring Tuesday evening, Mrs. Adam Essner smelled something like rags burning. Her little son's clothes were hanging near the stove and had caught fire. They were thrown out at the door, and now the little fellow can't change clothes as often as he used to.

The State Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Mo., is having a prosperous year, and about 250 young people have already enrolled for this session. A large increase in attendance is expected after the holidays. The third term will begin January 29th, 1895. Tuition is free and other expenses are light. For catalogue address: W. D. VAN DYKE, Pres.

A member of the Anonite club once asked a woman to marry him and, on her refusal, he married some one else. Years passed, his wife died, and after an effort, he succeeded in locating his first love. But he didn't marry her. He married her daughter.

Try a bottle of Sackman's Blood Purifier. It will give new life and vigor to those having bad blood.

The merchants who did not advertise did not have to invoice. Upon examination they discovered that they had the stock of last January still on hand, and they just let it go at that. 'Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good.

A man may just as well attempt to reach heaven via the Peavine as to try to run a newspaper to suit everybody. We do not attempt to do it. We "hug to the line—let the chips fall where they may."

John Harness, of Price's Landing, was in Benton a short while Monday. He is always in a good humor and does not seem to worry over the low price of wheat.

—Circuit Clerk Stubblefield was in attendance at court at Jackson this week, as witness in the Bohmhardt case, and could not take charge of his office last Monday. We understand he will be at his post next Monday.

He will appoint his son Robert as his deputy. Bob is thoroughly competent and will, no doubt, give perfect satisfaction.

—Robt. Jones, of Charleston, who has the contract of repairing the court house, is doing a good job of it. He says the work will be completed in a week or so. He is a good workman and thoroughly understands his business. He is to get four hundred dollars for the job.

—It is believed that fewer water-melons and more corn will be raised in the Sandyswoods the coming season. There is always a market for corn, but the molen market depends very much on the weather, as well as the ripeness of the first that are put upon the market.

—When a man goes away from his home to marry there is always indignation. But he goes just the same. He becomes too well acquainted with the home girls. A man frequently prefers to get married and then get acquainted with his wife later on.

—The Benton brass band organized with eleven members. J. W. Shields is their teacher, and they practice in the off-hand corner of the blacksmith shop. The band has some pretty good material, and will have an orchestra attachment later on.

—The Sikeston paper claims that Sikeston has two millionaires and fifteen men worth over sixty thousand dollars each. We don't doubt this statement in the least, but somehow it don't tally with the assessor's books by a jugful.

—Mr. Joyce, the newly elected public administrator, will not qualify. This will leave the present incumbent, Mr. Tanner, to hold over. Well, he is good enough. He has always discharged his duties faithfully as a public servant.

—A stranger can come among us with the worst sort of a fake and make money out of it, while a home man will fail in a legitimate business. But we are Americans, and the American people like to be humbugged.

—The young people had a pleasant social affair at the Commercial Hotel in Blodgett Thursday evening. We regret our inability to be present, but a severe cold and a rush of work prevented us from going.

—Just wait till Benton gets her new 26x70 hall completed! Then, with a brass band, an orchestra, and a lot of the best looking young ladies in the state—why, our neighboring towns won't be in it at all.

—Treasurer Lambert will not take hold of the cash box until after the February term of county court. This will give Treasurer Heisserer an opportunity to make his final settlement with the county court.

—A man would just as soon receive his Christmas present on a Fourth of July as at any other time, but a woman wants her present at a certain hour, on Christmas day, and presented in a certain way.

—Hall & Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 529 Olive street, St. Louis.

—We made one resolution on New Year's day, as follows: *Resolved*, That the Scott County Newsboy shall, in the future as in the past, be the only recognized newspaper on earth.

—Try a bottle of Sackman's Liver Tonic. It is a great remedy for chills and fever.

—B. F. Anderson, of Commerce, was in Benton Wednesday. He says the river is very low and full of ice, and that there is no telling when navigation will again open up.

—Miss Daisy Leedy will not return to school at St. Louis.

—Mrs. Wm. Ristig is again confined to her room.

—Try a bottle of Sackman's Blood Purifier.

—Try a bottle of Sackman's Chill Cure.

—Sheriff Batts has appointed as his deputies Edward Henderson, of Benton, and Joseph Parrott, of Morley. Our sheriff is to be congratulated on his good judgment in the selection of his deputies.

—James Walker shipped two car-loads of cattle and hogs to St. Louis Monday. Farmers would find it profitable if they would pay more attention to stock raising.

—No doubt the recording angel finds it necessary to call in his deputies when a lot of women get together and begin to discuss the faults of their neighbors.

—A Commerce man is beginning to pay the same respectful attention to a dime that he used to pay to a dollar, and people say it is a sign he is getting rich.

—Our newly elected coroner was in to see us Saturday. We neglected to ask if we should speak of him as Dr. Tomlinson or Coroner Tomlinson.

—Assessor Harrison was at the county seat Monday. Al is an energetic young man and we predict that he will make us a good assessor.

—The young people of Sikeston enjoyed a dance in the opera house during the holidays. Such events are not frequent in Sikeston.

—Since the holidays trade has been very dull with our local merchants. There is little to be expected until another harvest.

—Ben Tenkloff has been on the sick list. Too much snow-balling on Wednesday of last week, his wife says.

—Mike Heisserer returned from St. Louis Saturday, where he had been under the treatment of an oculist.

—Sikeston will have an unusually large number of pretty girls as soon as their older sisters get married off.

—Recorder Hinkle was absent several days this week, looking after some land matters west of Oran.

—The rush to the collector's office is about over, and nearly all who intend paying taxes have done so.

—John Amos and Miss Lulu Proffitt were married by Rev. M. Scherer, at New Hamburg, Tuesday.

—When a married man wants to get out of going anywhere, he always says that his wife is sick.

—Tailor Gupton says the people have evidently boycotted his hotel. He has not a boarder.

—Robt. Bray has a phonograph which he will rattle off. It is said to be a \$140.00 machine.

—Surveyor Harrison was in town on Friday of last week. He has many friends here.

—The holidays are over and many a pocketbook looks as if the elephant had stepped on it.

—Oscar Keene spent Sunday here with his old friend and schoolmate, Mont P. Wade.

—When a woman starts out to reform the world she thinks only of the faults of men.

—The Harbison house, south of Benton, came near going up in smoke last week.

—F. C. Jordan is again in the restaurant business at Sikeston. He is a hustler.

—Ben Marshall was in town Wednesday. Ben seems to like Benton.

—George Jehlen and Miss Birdie Bryant were married last Sunday.

—Kitchen cabinet peddlers are getting as thick as fleas in August.

—Dr. Freeling has a very painful eye, the result of a severe cold.

—Rev. Garton and family were in town several days this week.

—Sheriff Batts was in Commerce Monday, looking at the river.

—Mrs. J. J. Miller was taken sick very suddenly last Sunday.

—We are having "many various" kinds of weather just now.

—Elam Mills, of Sikeston, was at the county seat Thursday.

—Commerce was unusually quiet last Monday.

—Lucius Townes has pneumonia.